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PARIS FOR JAMES AND BURNS. USDOCOSOUTH FOR BURRIS

PRIMIN HAD 90-MINUTE MEETING WITH KING MORNING JULY 11. FOLLOWING MEETING HE MADE LACONIC STATEMENT THAT FULL HARMONY EXISTED REGARDING THE WORKING OF THE REGIME. THIS WAS AMPLIFIED BY FOLLOWING STATEMENT MADE OVER RADIO THIS MORNING.

"THE CABINET IS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRIMIN WHO WILL SET FORTH TO THE MEETING THE CONTENT OF HIS TALK WITH THE KING YESTERDAY.

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"COMPLETE HARMONY OF VIEWS AS TO THE MANNER OF OPERATION OF THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRACY UNDER A CROWN WAS NOTED DURING YESTERDAY'S TALK BETWEEN KING AND PRIMIN. THIS WAS STATED BY PRIMIN UPON HIS RETURN FROM CORFU. PRIMIN ADDED THAT KING BELIEVES THAT MONARCHICAL VIEWS BELONG TO THE PAST AND THAT IN OUR TIMES ONLY FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRACY UNDER A CROWN IS CONCEIVABLE. THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND THAT WILL BE IN FUTURE HIS UNWAVERING LINE.

"KING ALSO EXPRESSED BITTERNESS BECAUSE A SECTION OF THE PRESS REPRESENTED HIM AS AIMING AT A DEVIATION FROM THE SPIRIT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND AS BEING UNDER PRESSURE TO PERFORM HIS ROYAL DUTIES.

"QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER HE DISCUSSED WITH KING A GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE THE PRIMIN REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE.

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"THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF THE CU IS MEETING AT NOON TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF THE POSITION OF DEFMIN GAROUFALIAS IN THE PARTY."

IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY PRIMIN STATED THAT NO CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH KING. IT WAS ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT TUESDAY MEETING OF CU DEPUTIES

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WOULD BE WITHOUT DEFMIN GAROUFALIH PRESENT.

INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATES THAT THE DECREE CONCERNING GAROUFALIAS' REMOVAL WAS NOT SIGNED BY KING AND THAT THERE WOULD BE AT PRESENT NO CHANGE IN ARMY HIERARCHY.

COMMENT: WHETHER OR NOT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KING AND PRIMIN WERE JUST PAPERED OVER TEMPORARILY IS STILL NOT CLEAR. HOWEVER THE SUNDAY CRISIS WAS AVERTED BY HAVING THE PRIMIN GAIN ON THE MAJOR ISSUE, NAMELY, THAT THE KING WOULD ACT AS A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH IMPLYING THAT THE PRIMIN HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN HIS GOVERNMENT AS HE SEES FIT. EXPRESSION OF KING'S BITTERNESS AT PRESS IS AN ALLUSION TO ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN OF PAST WEEK DIRECTED PRIMARILY BY PRO-CU PAPERS, PARTICULARLY LAMBRAKIS' VIMA AND NEA, PAPAGEORGIOU'S ATHINAIKI, AND AFTERNOONER ETHNOS, WHICH BY THEIR NEWS PLAY MADE KING APPEAR TO BE ACTING AS A RULER AND NOT AS A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH. THE PRIMIN MAY HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED TO THE KING THAT THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS HAD OVERSTEPPED THE BOUNDS OF PROPRIETY IN THIS CASE, WHILE UNDOUBTEDLY AT SAME TIME ALLEGING THAT HE HAD LITTLE CONTROL OVER THEM

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